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ST. JOSEPH JUST BOUGHT ---AND BOUGHT AGAIN

And Did Its Full Duty In the Great Drive to Knock Out the Kaiser

The People Realize That It Takes Money to Win the War and They Produced It

There was but one fashion—one idea—one avocation—one pursuit—one desideratum yesterday—for the people of St. Joseph and Buchanan county—and that conglomerate whole is not hard to guess—for it was the speedy annihilation of the Kaiser's policies and that can only be consummated by the furnishing of the means of war for the brave boys over in France who are there doing and dying that the people not only of the United States but of the whole world may be untrammelled and enjoy the beneficence of peaceful freedom.

And furnishing these "sinews" is just what all of St. Joseph and this county was doing yesterday and last night—and they were doing it right—in the proper spirit and with due regard to every essential—and they will continue to do likewise until through the efforts of the American army added to that of the allies, autocracy is pushed over the brink and can no more raise its hideous head to cause freemen to shudder and fear for those dear to them and the freedom of the great institutions of free government in the United States.

And They All Bought.

When the great war savings stamp campaign was first inaugurated here the quota for this city and for Buchanan county was fixed at \$2,000,000—rather a big sum it may appear to many—but not at all large when the number of people that we have in this territory is noted and the great wealth that they also represent—which would not be worth a dollar to them were the United States to lose this war—therefore the committee in charge of the drive here had no misgivings at all but that this amount could be easily raised—and especially in view of the fact that this money so secured was in no way a donation or contribution—but on the other hand one of the safest and best investments that could be made by any person. It is based on the credit of the nation and the committee knew that was beyond question—therefore they entered the drive with supreme confidence—and that confidence was not in the least misplaced.

Booth Work Good.

Six booths erected last week and fully manned did good work all week, and a booth located in the lobby of the postoffice added in great amount to the totals before the final drive of Friday and last night pledge meetings pushed up the task laid out by the management.

At these booths the public were asked all week to make advance pledges and buy stamps—and the public did—and these booths helped to complete the work all the sooner.

All day yesterday these booths were crowded with busy workers and busy pledgers and buyers. Especially in the afternoon was there busy scenes when many people released from their avocations by patriotic employers at 4 o'clock flocked around them to do their part in the big drive. At many manufacturing plants and mercantile institutions where large numbers of employees were congregated, the management suspended work at 4 p. m. and after a talk to the employees they were invited to become a part of the great army of lenders to Uncle Sam—and to their credit it should be stated that they responded nobly.

Meetings Last Night.

Last night at every school house and in every church in Buchanan county outside of St. Joseph, public meetings were held and the people were asked to pledge or buy—and they all did. Reports received from the county last night stated that at all of the county meetings the spirit of patriotism ran high and as a result splendid success was had.

In St. Joseph meetings were held at the churches, in halls, in the parks and in the school houses, and the people not only turned out bravely, but they bought nobly and pledged generously—so much so that from the advance information received at headquarters last night the expectations of the management was fully realized. What the total amount pledged and purchased will be will not be known before tonight or tomorrow as it is

some job to total up the pledge cards and cash accounts.

Beginning Monday the women of this city will inaugurate their block campaign and complete the work. The blocks have all been officered and duly allotted and it is expected that good returns will be had when the pledge seekers have completed their work.

THE BOYS MARCHED AWAY

St. Joseph Took on a War-Like Appearance on Wednesday Afternoon.

It reminded the old veterans of the civil war on Wednesday last, when St. Joseph took on a military and war-like appearance for a few hours at least. Martial music, flags, bunting, military accoutrements and much cheering were to them fitting reminders of the days of '61.

The occasion was the marching away of over three hundred of the young men of this section of the county, to go to the various training camps for drill in anticipation of being sent "over there" to help to win the great war for universal democracy. They were the registrants selected for the last quota and many a Northwest Missouri home has fewer sons gathered around the family table today. The contingents came from Worth, Harrison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Atchison and Andrew counties, and were all assembled at the federal building here at 1:30, at which time they formed a great parade headed by a platoon of police and the local home guards and paraded the principal streets, after which they marched to the Union station, where they boarded a special train at 2:30 p. m. and set off on the first lap of their journey to Camp Funston and Pike.

At the Union station there was a mammoth crowd assembled who vociferously cheered the boys as they boarded the train which later pulled out of the station with the entire assemblage, wishing them a safe return. It is estimated that fully 10,000 people saw them off and waved flags and shouted themselves hoarse as the long train departed from the station.

The number taken at this time is the largest single contingent sent out so far, and it was made up of the flower of the young men of Northwest Missouri.

May they all return crowned with victory's garlands.

BODKE IS DISMISSED

The Board of Public Works Disposes With His Services After An Investigation.

After an investigation by the local federal authorities and the board of public works extending over a period of two weeks, A. H. Bodke, a draughtsman in the employ of the city, was on Tuesday notified by the board of public works that his services would be dispensed with on Tuesday night. The alleged reason for his dismissal was disloyal utterances—which Bodke denies.

The charges against Bodke were that he had taken photographs of the Missouri river bridge and to have drawn plans of the river front. It was also alleged that he made slighting remarks about the flag. The federal agents had repeated conferences with him at the custom house, the final result being his dismissal from the city force.

On his own part Bodke, who also has failed to complete his naturalization papers, denied that he made a picture of the bridge, but said he took a view of St. Joseph in place. He also stated that he made some drafts of the river front for the stock yards company for railroad purposes over a year ago, and the stock yards people admit that he did. As to the reported slighting remarks about the flag he claims that he never did make them, but that what he had said was changed by others to indicate that he was speaking indifferently as to the flag of the country. There will be further investigation.

Westward the course of twilight baseball takes it way and it is approaching the land of the rising sun

FORGED LETTERS TO VOTERS

This paper is now in possession of two letters written by a democratic candidate of this city to men outside of the city, soliciting their votes and influence, and purporting to be signed by a Buchanan county official. The signature to these letters are forgeries.

This item is a notice to the perpetrator that such practices must cease. If it is continued the forged letters will be reproduced in these columns in the interest of fair play. The reason they are not printed now is that the candidate may have a chance for reformation.

THOMPSON PENSION BILL

The New Pension Bill as It Pertains to Soldiers of the Mexican and Civil Wars.

Owing to the fact that there has been a wrong impression created by some newspapers over the Thompson pension bill, which has just been signed by the President, the full text of the bill is hereby reproduced at the request of Capt. E. T. Ellis of this city for the benefit of the old soldiers residing in St. Joseph and vicinity. The bill as introduced by Mr. Thompson follows:

"A bill (S. 4298) granting pensions to certain enlisted men, soldiers, and officers who served in the civil war and the war with Mexico."

"Be it enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act any person who served not less than sixty days in the military or naval service of the United States during the civil war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the secretary of the interior may provide, be placed on the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension of \$40 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 72 years and served six months, the rate shall be \$42 per month; one year, \$45 per month; one and one-half years, \$48 per month; two years or over, \$50 per month."

"That from and after the passage of this act any person who has served sixty days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the war with Mexico, and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of \$50 per month."

"Sec. 2. That nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act. Provided, That no person shall receive a pension under this act, and that no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other general or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein, shall be pensionable under this act. Provided further, That membership in a federal or state soldiers' home shall not render a soldier ineligible to pension under the provisions of this act or any other general or special law."

"Sec. 3. That the provisions of this act shall include any person who served during the late civil war and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the acts of June 27, 1890; February 15, 1895, and the joint resolutions of July 1, 1902, and June 28, 1906, and the acts of January 29, 1887; March 3, 1891, and February 17, 1897."

"Sec. 4. That no person, attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the bureau of pensions, or securing any pension under this act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension."

"Sec. 5. That all acts and parts of acts, in so far as they conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed."

The news that Lewis Wood Johnson was killed in action while heroically fighting with the marines to Springfield people told not only of heroism but of atonement. When Johnson was 14 years old he and a companion of the same age were convicted of murder. The companion, who took the leading part in the crime, was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years and Johnson for sixteen years. Johnson's case aroused sympathy, and when he appealed for a pardon so that he might offer his life to his country the pardon was granted.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY

His Twenty-fifth Year in St. Joseph Is Celebrated Monday With Due Pomp and Ceremony.

It was a grand and glorious although a solemn occasion Monday when Rt. Rev. Bishop Maurice F. Burke of this city celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his arrival here to assume charge of the diocese of St. Joseph—and every person in St. Joseph, no matter what his faith or standing, hopes that the reverend churchman will celebrate his half century here—and with more pomp and ceremony than his quarter centennial.

The services Monday were held at the cathedral and were of a most impressive character. Over one hundred priests from this diocese and elsewhere were in attendance and all joined to a more or less degree in the ceremonies incident to the celebration. The bishop himself officiated at the solemn high mass and his vigor and strength displayed in singing the mass was remarked upon by all of the vast congregation which packed the great edifice. Rt. Rev. Abbot Wolf of St. Benedict's abbey, Atchison, Kas., was a prominent figure there. After the mass Rev. James P. Brady read a testimonial on behalf of the clergy of the diocese and Rev. John J. O'Neill one on behalf of the laity of the parish, both of which eulogized the distinguished head of the diocese. After the mass the visitors enjoyed a luncheon at the Robidoux and then were taken for a motor ride over the city, after which the entire party went to Conception, Mo., where a religious retreat began which terminated last night. Among the visiting priests were:

Rev. Father Prowin, Clyde, Mo.; Rev. E. Connelly, Adair, Mo.; Rev. C. Schaefer, Holt, Mo.; Rev. J. P. Cummins, Brookfield, Mo.; Rev. W. Richardson, Brunswick, Mo.; Rev. S. Carew, Bucklin, Mo.; Rev. R. J. Cullen, Canton, Mo.; Rev. F. X. Santere, Canton, Mo.; Rev. Adolph A. Schaefer, Carrollton, Mo.; Rev. J. P. Devine, Center, Mo.; Rev. Peter Arsenburg, Chillicothe, Mo.; Rev. J. J. Kennedy, Chillicothe, Mo.; Rev. Father Placid, Conception, Mo.; Rev. Father Joachim, New Conception, Mo.; Rev. Bernard Owens, Easton, Mo.; Rev. P. J. Donovan, Edina, Mo.; Rev. H. Heninger, Ewing, Mo.; Rev. E. A. Burke, Excelsior Springs, Mo.; Rev. D. F. Sullivan, Hannibal, Mo.; Rev. W. D. Delaney, Herington, Mo.; Rev. Thomas Fox, Monroe City, Mo.; Rev. T. Mullins, Kapoka, Mo.; Rev. A. E. Mercer, Kirksville, Mo.; Rev. Edward Mallen, Liberty, Mo.; Rev. T. J. Barrett, Macon, Mo.; Rev. P. J. Cullen, Marquette, Mo.; Rev. Odilio Schiber, Maryville, Mo.; Rev. H. F. Neimann, Maryville, Mo.; Rev. J. J. Jermain, Milan, Mo.; Rev. P. J. Carney, Moberly, Mo.; Rev. John Ryan, Monroe City, Mo.; Rev. C. McLeod, Norborne, Mo.; Rev. H. J. Farachen, Palmyra, Mo.; Rev. I. Kuhn, Parnell, Mo.; Rev. D. Murphy, Atchison, Kan.; Rev. Dennis Kelly, Plattsburg, Mo.; Rev. D. Mulcahy, St. Patrick, Mo.; Rev. P. Ernst, Salisbury, Mo.; Rev. August McNeill, Shelbyville, Mo.; Rev. W. Coll, Stanberry, Mo.; Rev. J. Caferty, Forest City, Mo.; Rev. Henry B. Tierney, Trenton, Mo.; Rev. F. X. Hochsawang, Weston, Mo.; Rev. J. Kaezner, New Cambria, Mo.; Rev. D. J. Downey, Moberly, Mo.; Rev. P. C. Vatter, Moberly, Mo.; Rev. Father Thomas, Moberly, Mo.; Rev. J. J. Melnhardt, Hannibal, Mo.; Rev. Robert E. Graham, Hannibal, Mo., and the Rt. Rev. Ignatius Wolf, Atchison, Kas.

But the most extensive celebration will be that for the foreign born residents of this city which is being arranged under the direction of Mayor Whitsett. This will be of national interest, as it is given on a request from the President that all cities give their foreign born population on that day a practical demonstration of patriotism. One of the big features of this celebration which will be held at Lake Conary Park will be the grand parade of foreign born citizens on the afternoon of that day, in which the principal streets of the city will be marched over, after which all will go to the lake where the programme will be pulled off. The parade will form as follows:

Police.

Chief marshal, Col. W. E. Stringfellow.

Band.

FIRST DIVISION.

Marshall, Chief P. P. Kane.

State guards, under Col. E. F. Nichols.

Buchanan County Defense Council.

SECOND DIVISION.

H. Spurnard, marshal; Matteo Castello, Sam Comella, aides.

Italian San Giuseppe Society.

George K. Pappas, marshal; Nick Athens, Sam Lenardos, aides.

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Ukrainian Society, Steve Truba.

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SEND BOOHER BACK.

He Has Been Faithful to Every Trust and in Full Accord With the Administration.

To the Editor of The St. Joseph Observer: I feel it the duty of every democrat to give his support to Charles F. Booher for Congress for this district, and the duty of every voter regardless of party to give their support also. Not to do so would leave the impression that the people of this district were not in sympathy with President Wilson by refusing to send such an able, staunch, loyal, true, faithful friend of his in all his efforts to carry the war to a successful conclusion—back to the halls of Congress.

Let us be true to country, our boys in the trenches, our own and the nation's best interests. There should be no opposition in the party or out of it. Send back the man who has proven true, pure steel to home and country.

A. H. GREENE.

Oregon, Mo., June 28, 1918.

WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH

The Foreign Born Picnic to be the All Important Event of the Day.

No matter if war is on—St. Joseph is going to celebrate the Fourth more elaborately this year than ever before—and just because the war is on. There will be celebrations in all parts of the city where communities will gather and celebrate the day in the proper manner. Some of these community celebrations will have several hundred people in attendance. The Convent Hill celebration will have double the usual number.

The Highlands Golf and Country Club will have a mammoth celebration at the club grounds and a most elaborate programme has been arranged.

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THIS IS THE JOB OF THE KID ON THE FARM

Of Course It Is Not So Much But It Is Plenty of That

AND THE LITTLE FELLOW "ENJOYS" IT

All That He Has to Do Is to Get Up Before All of the Other Hands Do In the Morning, Feed All the Stock Till All of the Work Is Done at Night and the Rest Have Gone to Their Slumbers.

Col. John W. Morris is the efficient head of the State Free Employment Bureau of this city and his office at No. 116 North Seventh street has for the past few weeks been the busiest place in St. Joseph—for Col. Morris has been busy recruiting the necessary hands with which to gather the great wheat harvest of this part of the West—and like all that he undertakes—he has done the job well, for the greatest crop in this part of the country is now safely harvested—and Col. Morris saw that the farmers had the help to take care of it.

But Col. John is now over his rush—and that gives him a little breathing spell—and incidentally time in which to think and to talk about some of the things that occurred just before and in his "great drive"—the wheat harvest.

The Col. smiled as he picked up and read to his hearers a letter that he had received from one of those embryo enthusiastic recruiting officers for farm labor, whose enthusiasm is only equalled by what they do not know. "Listen at this," said Col. John, "and just think—how much this fellow could learn if he had time to try." Then Col. John read:

"Even if you cannot make a hand

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GOING AFTER DR. STILL

The Kirksville Doctor Who Would Eliminate the Bark of the Faithful Dog.

Until the last few years it had remained for windy Kansas just across the river from this city to produce all of the cranks and start all of the new fads, but from present things this state is now coming to the front along such lines. The latest is Dr. George A. Still of Kirksville osteopathy fame, who is almost as well known in St. Joseph as he is at home. Of his latest feat the New Orleans Times-Picayune, says:

"Next to removing the waggle from the pup's tail, about the cruellest thing we know of is to deprive the dog of his bark. Yet, if we are to believe the Philadelphia report, there is a man among us spreading the propaganda of the barkless dog."

"By simple surgery," George A. Still of Kirksville, Mo., told the recent osteopathic convention in Philadelphia, "I can take the sound from any creature that produces sound with the larynx."

"Of course, so could we, since a bullet hole through the brain or a knife thrust in the heart ventricles would effectively squelch all sound; although why the dog rather than certain two-footed—but why start an argument?"

"It has found dogs valuable as patrols and in other capacities, but their barking has impaired their usefulness. 'Already,' says the doctor, 'I have taken the bay out of many war dogs and still have much work ahead.'"

"Nature's dumb nobility" will be dumb indeed when, as our dog friend dashes up and down just inside the picket fence, he will have to wigwag his enthusiasm by the short crop of tail which fashion has allowed him to retain.

"We consider what would say to Doctor Still's plan the monks of St. Bernard when they send forth their deep voiced couriers to arouse hope in the lost mountaineer. And that little fellow who the other day barked himself into near-apoplexy calling in dog language, 'Fire! Help! The baby is in danger!' when the curtain blew into the gas jet? We suppose Doctor Still would spike his larynx also!"

"Doctor Still! Is there a joke tucked away in that name? Would he indeed dare still the honest watch dog's bark, the yap! yap! of our terrier's delight when we reach home at the end of day; the woof! woof! of the big friendly mastiff or the perfect music of the distant pack of hounds? Would he? Well, just let him try it!"

THIS IS NOT THE TIME

Hon. W. E. Spratt of St. Joseph, candidate for congress, was in town Saturday last and made us a short call. Mr. Spratt is very sanguine about his success as a candidate, and we regret to see him build his hopes so high. Mr. Spratt is a splendid gentleman, but is bound to be a war victim. The great majority of voters are each day coming to realize that it would be a bad move to change congressmen at this time and will await till some future date to honor Mr. Spratt. —Platte County Landmark.

THE DRAFT NUMBERS

The order in which the St. Joseph Registrants Will be Called Before the Local Boards.

The national lottery held at Washington Thursday, where the prizes were the positions secured in the draft, was not apparently of as much interest to the people of St. Joseph as was the going away of the soldier boys the day before, yet it meant just as much to them, for it was to tell when their sons and brothers who registered on June 5th last would be called into service. The numbers that affect St. Joseph were from 1 to 198, and of course these same numbers apply to all other registration districts. Here is the order in which they come out of the lottery bowl:

(Read across the column.)

154	19	29	17	74	186	145	57	75
78	87	4	120	79	108	28	89	151
99	65	125	45	72	135	81	91	61
63	41	84	32	56	16	191	153	147
55	32	56	192	48	13	8	64	193
195	137	192	155	158	11	69	25	113
62	13	143	54	81	128	184	98	192
114	39	39	119	187	160	93	49	25
68	12	34	149	112	2	95	77	40
8	107	95	99	190	181	123	130	194
150	94	148	156	67	40	182	38	32
7	27	193	1	6	24	14	185	71
178	19	196	185	59	87	30	98	85
195	172	181	87	44	116	128	92	164
187	140	128	103	79	15	147	26	110
194	167	81	94	88	124	52	42	142
106	154	80	127	191	159	170	144	28
22	31	189	75	161	50	47	128	182
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